particularly in USA, UK and the Middle-East has been conducted by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Doordarshan to popularize DD-India Channel abroad?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have informed that a study on the reach and impact of DD-India Channel in Middle-East countries is on the anvil.

Prasar Bharati have informed that Doordarshan has already entered into agreements for the distribution of DD-India Channel in Canada and USA and that a similar agreement for distribution in the UK is under finalization.

(c) DD-India carries news bulletins, features on topical events, entertainment programmes, feature films, music and dance including children programmes in some regional languages. The content medley of DD-India channel is expected to serve the interests and needs of the Indian diaspora.

Guidelines for Cable Operators

1091. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cable operators are running their business as per their own will despite the objection raised by the subscribers;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any guidelines for the cable operators keeping in view the safeguard and interests of the subscribers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to regulate the cable operation business through a Regulatory Authority; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the erring cable operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Cable Television Networks

(Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Cable Television Networks Rules 1994 regulates the cable TV industry. It also has sufficient provisions to safeguard the interests of consumers.

(d) and (e) The Government has declared the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), a regulator of broadcasting and cable services *vide* notification dated 9.1.2004. Authorised Officers are empowered to take action against erring cable operators as per the provisions of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

Revenue earnings by Prasar Bharati

1092. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati propose to charge private broadcasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the revenue earnings of Prasar Bharati during 2005-06 fiscal; and

(d) the action plan to further boost its revenues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR is charging tower rentals (including maintenance charges) for the infrastructures being offered to private broadcasters during Phase-II FM service as follows:—

Category	Tower Rentals (Rs. in lakhs)
A+	13.20
A	8.25
B	4.25
C	3.00
D	1.75

Doordarshan has also decided to charge a carriage fee amounting to Rs. 1.00 crore per annum from private channels that are interested in becoming part of the bouquet of channels carried on its DD Direct+service.

(c) Revenue earned by AIR and Doordarshan during the year 2005-06 is as follows:

AIR	Rs. 268.83 crores
DD	Rs. 946.96 crores